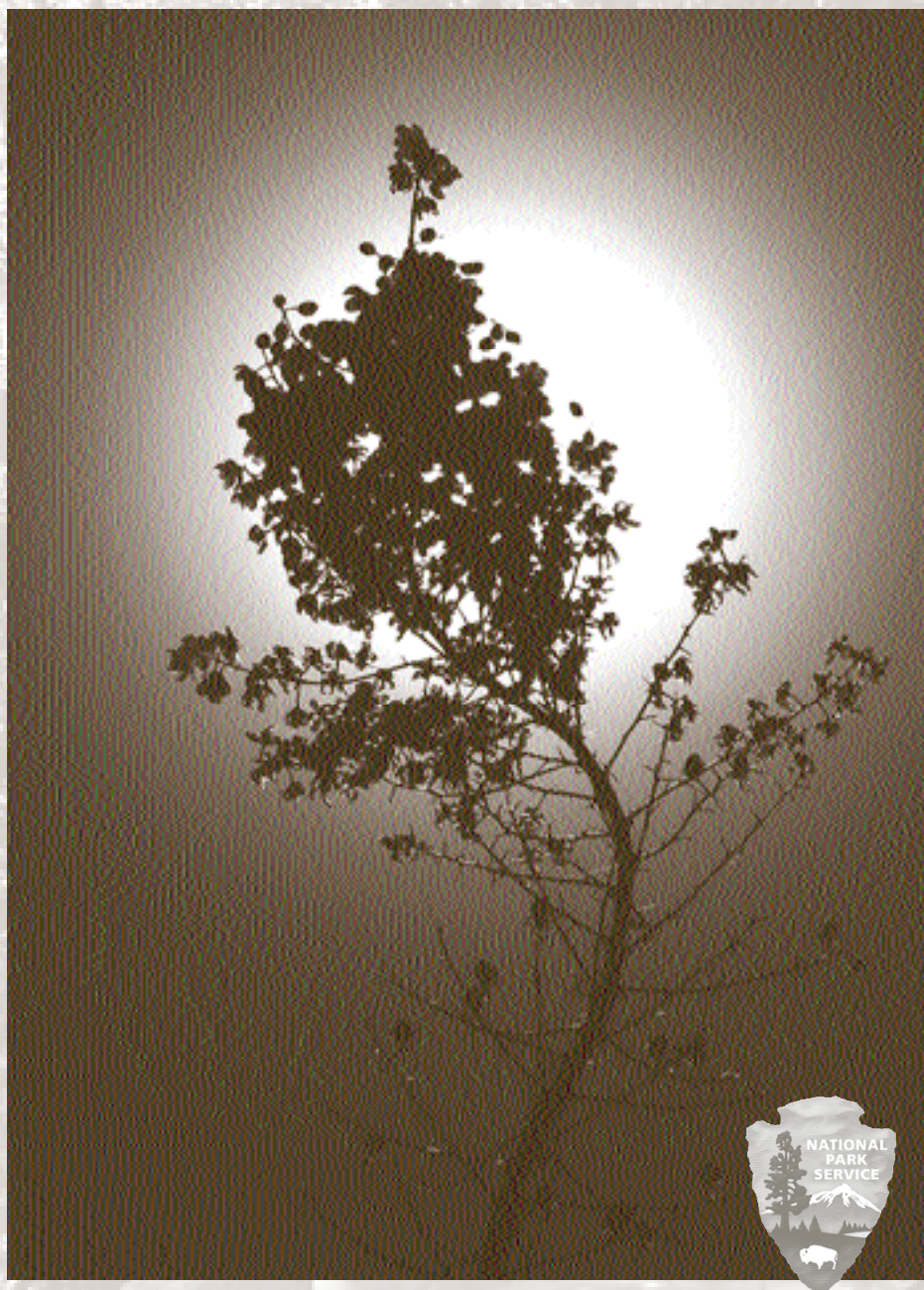


Autumn 2007 October ♦ November ♦ December

OUTDOORS

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA



A Quarterly Calendar of Events & Programs published by the National Park Service

The OUTDOORS is your guide to the programs and events occurring within Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park System. Dedicated staff and volunteers, from the following partner agencies and organizations, help open doors and provide avenues for you to explore and enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains.

Participating Partners

AASMM	Allied Artists, Santa Monica Mountains 310-457-9130
CCD	Cold Creek Docents 818-591-1701
CMPRD	City of Malibu Parks & Recreation Dept 310-317-1364
CNI	The Children's Nature Institute 310-860-9484
CNPS	California Native Plant Society 818-348-5910
CORBA	Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Assn 818-773-3555
CRPD	Conejo Recreation & Park District 805-495-2163
CSP	California State Parks 818-880-0350
CW	Coastwalk 310-394-2799
FORC	Friends of Runyon Canyon 323-666-5004
LADPR	County of Los Angeles Dept of Parks & Recreation 213-738-2961
LANABA	L.A. Chapter of the North American Butterfly Assn 310-454-4279
MCD	Malibu Creek Docents 818-889-6238
MLMD	Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents 310-456-8432
MRCA	Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority 310-858-7272
MRT	Mountains Restoration Trust 818-591-1701
NOWW	The Nature of Wildworks 310-455-0550
NPS	National Park Service 805-370-2301
RCDSMM	Resource Conserv. District of the Santa Monica Mtns 818-597-8627
SC	Sierra Club 213-387-4287
SFVAS	San Fernando Valley Audubon Society 310-457-5796
SFVGP	San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch 818-996-3606
SMBAS	Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society 310-393-6205
SMMC	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy 310-589-3200
SMMF	Santa Monica Mountains Fund 805-370-2341
SMMNHA	Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Association 805-488-1827
SMMTC	Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council 818-222-4531
SRSMMR	UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve 310-206-3887
TCA	Temescal Canyon Association 310-459-5931
TCD	Topanga Canyon Docents 310-455-1696
TOPAW	Thousand Oaks Plein Air Watercolorists 805-494-1700
TP	TreePeople 818-753-4600
WODOC	William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom 310-858-7272x131
WRD	Will Rogers State Historic Park Docents 310-454-8212

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Frank Greenway, *Spirit of the Mountains*
Photo Contest 2006 Winner—
First Place, Plants.

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LEGEND

FREE SERVICE



This symbol indicates programs that can be accessed via ParkLINK.
NOTE: ParkLINK will not operate during the month of December

To find out more how to enjoy the recreation area using the shuttle:
1-888-734-2323
www.parklinkshuttle.com



Time - If a *single time* is listed, the program begins at that time and lasts for the number of hours indicated. If a *span of time* is listed, you may attend the program any time within those hours.

Location - Directions are found on pages 18 and 23. *Between these pages and in the center of the publication is a map of the national recreation area. These pages may be removed together for easy reference.*

Reservation/Program Fee - Will be indicated if required.
Note: A parking fee may be required at some park sites.

hrs - abbreviation for 'hours' for the length of the program.

Acronym of Sponsoring Partner - See the facing page for a list of participating partners and phone numbers to call for further information.

You may also contact:

National Park Service Visitor Center 805-370-2301
401 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks CA 91360
Hours: Daily, 9am to 5pm Closed on some holidays.
Or visit us at www.nps.gov/samo

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Visit the Santa Monica Mountains Fund website at www.samofund.org

Inside Story

November is Backbone Trail Month. To honor the people who help maintain the trails beneath your feet, Ranger Sheila Braden spoke to a few of these volunteers. Here is what they had to share:

“With over 400 miles of maintained trails in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, the various park agencies are always in need of help in maintaining the trails. As a result, on almost any weekend, the trail user is likely to encounter a volunteer trail crew at work in the park. These crews are led by trained crew leaders, and perform a variety of tasks such as brush clearance, erosion control and litter removal. These tasks are critical to keep the trails cleared of the fast growing chaparral, improve the tread, and repair dangerous conditions.

Organizations such as the Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council (SMMTC), Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association, Sierra Club Task Force and others provide several thousand volunteer hours of trail maintenance every year. Volunteers from other community groups such as churches, schools and Boy Scouts often supplement these organizations. Typically these volunteers are trail users who want to “give back” by assisting in the maintenance of the trails in a groomed and safe condition.”

- Jerry Mitcham SMMTC

Tales Beneath

“I volunteer because it is sorely needed; the camaraderie is terrific; it gets me out to see new trails; and the satisfaction and knowledge that a positive change can be made by one person is magnified in concert with other like-minded individuals. I wish every hiker would volunteer just a few hours. If we all work together, then much can be accomplished.”

- *Greg Sweet* SMMTC

“While most take pleasure in giving something back to the parks or just want to do some public service, there are dedicated volunteers who become almost obsessed with spending their Saturdays out in the parks fixing trails.

You might be obsessed if, when you are hiking trails you are critical of conditions and can envision improvements. You probably cannot leave a loose rock or broken branch on the trail. In addition to the great exercise it is fun to remember the times that you fixed this switchback or built that rock wall. The regulars usually become enamored with a particular tool and type of work, such as cutting vegetation with loppers and saws, using picks and rock bars to build walls, or smoothing out the trails with rakes to make the trail as perfect as possible. When I recently read in the paper about a hike on the Ray Miller Trail in Point Mugu State Park describing “this well maintained trail,” I was satisfied to know that I helped make it so.”

- *Burt Elliott* SMMTC

With the Trails

AUTUMN PROGRAMS

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TUE 10/2 9am

Castro Crest

Moderate Hikers Peakbag Castro Peak (2824') First in a series of 20 peak-bagging hikes in the Santa Monica Mountains. 6-mile, 1400' gain hike on the Backbone Trail. Optional shorter 4-6 mile hike. Bring water, lunch. *Rain can - cels.* Info: 818-786-4932 or hkayton@earthlink.net for the 20-peak list. 3hrs SC

TUE 10/2 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Botanical Drawing

Workshop Join an ongoing indoor gathering of artists of all levels to accurately draw or paint plants while learning more about native flora.

Reservations required 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 10/6 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

Temescal Canyon Association
Monthly Sunday Hikes

Meet at 9am at Temescal Gateway Park (meet in parking lot closest to Sunset Blvd) We will car-pool to trailhead. Hikes are about 8 miles and last 5-6 hours. Call or visit our website for complete details. 310-459-5931

www.temcanyon.org



Garden Tours of the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more.

Reservation required:

310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small groups (no reservations are required).

Meet docent(s) next to the Gate House at 10am for a one-hour tour. FEE

SAT 10/6 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Nicholas Canyon to Nicholas

Flat Hike Strenuous 8-mile,

1800' gain loop hike through

a private nature preserve with

beautiful ocean vistas. Learn

how this land came to be a

nature preserve. Return via

Leo Carrillo and Nicholas Cyn

beaches. Meet in parking lot of

Malibu Nature Preserve, 33905

PCH. Bring water, lunch and

wear lug soles. *Rain cancels.*

Info: 310-456-9783. 4hrs SC

SAT 10/6 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and

maintain trails. Tools & instruc-

tions provided. Bring gloves,

water, & lunch. *Reservations*

required 310-559-3126. 5hrs

SC



California State Parks

October Schedule of Events



Leo Carrillo State Park

Info: 805-488-1827

Sundays, 10am

Adventure with a Ranger Join a ranger to explore some of the many wonders of this park. Meet at the entrance station. 1 hour

Saturdays, 7pm

Campfire Program Join a ranger or special guest for a fun and informative program by the campfire! 1 hour

Point Mugu State Park

Info: 805-488-1827

Saturdays, 10am

Adventure with a Ranger Join a ranger or naturalist to explore Sycamore Canyon. Meet at the entrance station. 1 hour

SAT 10/6  9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. *Mountain bike and helmet required. Rain cancels.* Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 10/6 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve
First Saturday Savor an autumn walk-about along a streamside trail through oak woodlands to a gently rolling chaparral basin below craggy sandstone peaks. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 2hrs CCD

SAT 10/6 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
WODOC and the Movies See why Franklin Canyon has been a premier filming location for movies and TV shows such as *When a Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One Night*, and the beginning of the *Andy Griffith Show*. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 10/6  12:30p-2:30p

Malibu Creek State Park
Fun With Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts, and games at the Visitor Center, 0.75 mile from the parking lot. MCD

SAT 10/6 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Silent Night Walk Enjoy the symphony of nightlife while appreciating the inner wisdom of your own melody of thoughts. Moderate to strenuous walk with others who wish to expand their wilderness awareness skills without words. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/7 7am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Rising Sun Meditation Hike Ground yourself with earth and fire using earthing meditations and take a moderate to strenuous hike between meditations up to the summit from the lower park. Bring water. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

33rd Annual Docent Training

Topanga State Park

October 6* Saturday, 9:30am

Become a docent naturalist for the Santa Monica Mountains. Sessions are on Saturdays covering climate, geology, plants, mammals, birds, insects, reptiles, cultural history and interpretive techniques. *FEE*. 6 hours each class. TCD

*Training Dates are: October 6, 13, 20, 27 and November 3, 10, 17 and December 1.

Reservations required 818-758-1964





National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Landscaping with Native Plants

October 6
Saturday, 2pm
National Park Service
Visitor Center

Botanist **Charlie Hohn** of *Wildscape Restoration* shares tips for converting your home landscape to water-saving native plants. Tailor your plant selection to micro-climates in your yard. Handouts available.
1.5 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

SUN 10/7 8am
Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring water and a snack. 3hrs SC

Contemporary Native American Art Exhibit

10/6/2007 thru 1/5/2008

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Experience the intuitive and visionary art of **Judy DeRosa** (Echota Cherokee). A fine art exhibit featuring various modalities of expression—etchings, monoprints, acrylics, oil, glass, and silver.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 10/7 9am
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Aerobic Trek Get your heart pumping and legs moving on an energizing morning hike while enjoying the great outdoors. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/7 9am
Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Benefit from naturalist Bob's decades of scientific study on this fascinating moderate walk discussing the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. *Reservations required 310-858-7272 ext. 131.* 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/7 9am
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Fitness Hike Get movin' with fitness enthusiast and MRCA volunteer Zahava on this moderate hike. Measure your progress by working your way up to a more vigorous pace. Beginners welcome. Bring water and wear workout/hiking shoes. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/7 10a-12p
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Free Cultural Workshop Make your own Drum Beater with *Gary Corkill*. All ages welcome. Meet at the culture center. NPS

SUN 10/7 10am
Sooky Goldman Nature Center
The Faces of Franklin Canyon Who were William Mulholland, Sooky Goldman, and other influential faces of Franklin Canyon Park? 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/7 10am
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Hike and Craft Join MRCA volunteer Lucy for a gentle walk in Franklin Canyon then make a craft you can take home. Ages three to eight accompanied by parents or supervisors. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/7 1p- 3p

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Free Cultural Workshop

Make your own Drum Beater with Gary Corkill. All ages welcome. Meet at the culture center. NPS

TUE 10/9 9am

Cold Creek Preserve

Moderate Hikers Peakbag

Saddle Peak (2825') Second in a series of peak-bagging hikes. Moderately-paced 10-mile roundtrip, 1500' gain hike with wonderful vistas. Optional shorter 4-6 mile hike into Cold Creek Preserve. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-822-6848. 5hrs SC

*Resource Conservation
District of the Santa
Monica Mountains*

**Learn to Interpret
Nature for Students
and Adults!**

Become a Naturalist this Fall and get paid for your work. Training starts October 2007.

For more information:
818-597-8627 x103 or
rcdscmm.edu@gmail.com



TUE 10/9 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Botanical Drawing

Workshop Join an ongoing indoor gathering of artists of all levels to accurately draw or paint plants while learning more about native flora. *Reservations required* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 10/9 7pm

Headwaters Corner

San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch Meeting This meeting/class features decorating gourds with inlay. The techniques use metal, shell, beads and "inlace." Beginners are welcome. Info: 818-996-3606 or gourds@mac.com. 2hrs SFVGP

THUR 10/11 8:30am

Caballero Canyon

Chaparral Chatter Explore the trails of a central section of the Santa Monica Mountains. See how native plants cope with extended droughts as we hike through open chaparral and oak woodlands. Meet at lower trailhead. Bring water and snack. Info: 818-345-6749 3hrs CNPS

SAT 10/13 8am

Headwaters Corner

National NeighborWoods

Day Join the effort to restore a headwater ecosystem of the LA River. Celebrate the benefits of trees in the places people live. Help restore habitat along Dry Canyon Creek with native plantings, non-native plant removal, and site restoration. Earn school service hours. For info about NeighborWoods Month: <http://www.neighborwoodsmonth.org> *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x205. 4hrs MRT

SAT 10/13 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools & instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. *Reservations required* 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

SAT 10/13 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/13 9am

Cold Creek Preserve

Second Saturday Plants in fall dormancy await the rains. Learn how plants and animals survive long periods of drought. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

**Malibu Lagoon
State Beach
Adamson House
Docent Training
Program**

Learn how to share with the public Malibu's fascinating history and to conduct guided tours of the Adamson House. *FEE.*

Info and reservations:
**Malibu Lagoon
Museum Docents
310-456-8432**

October



KING GILLETTE RANCH

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Calabasas, CA 91302

Now Open to the Public

**Guided Hikes, Family
Programs, and
Grounds Tours**

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for a listing of upcoming
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dates, and times

Directions: From the 101,
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Road. Turn left on Mulholland
Highway. Take the first right
into King Gillette Ranch.
Ample parking is available
for \$5 per day.

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and managed by the Mountains
Recreation & Conservation
Authority in cooperation with
the Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area unit
of the National Park Service,
the Santa Monica Mountains
Conservancy, and California
State Parks.

SAT 10/13 9am

Cold Creek Preserve

**Cold Creek Habitat
Restoration Day** We continue
increasing riparian habitat
along Dry Creek and Cienega
Sin Nombre. Receive communi-
ty service credit. *Reservations
required* 818-591-1701 x203.
3hrs MRT

SAT 10/13 9:30am

Headwaters Corner

**Youth Naturalist Program:
Mammals** Children age 8-12,
learn what makes a mammal a
mammal and how many are in
the Santa Monica Mountains.
Then take a hike to look for
signs of mammals, see mam-
mals a guest brings, and make
a craft. *Pre-registration
required* 818-591-1701 x181.
Fee. 3hrs MRT

SAT 10/13 9:30am

Point Mugu State Park

Coastal Slope Trail Enjoy
great ocean views as it follows
the western part of the Coastal
Slope Trail and loops back
across La Jolla Canyon. We
will lunch at an overlook with
a view to the Channel Islands
and Pt Mugu. Moderate 7-mile
hike. Bring lunch and water.
Rain cancels. Meet at the Ray
Miller Trailhead. 5hrs CW

SAT 10/13 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Morning Nature Hike Join
us on a naturalist-led walk
through hills and meadows to
look for signs of the season.
Moderately paced 2-mile hike
to an ocean overlook. *Reserva-
tions required* 310-317-1364.
\$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

*Spirit of the
Mountains*
2007
PHOTO CONTEST

October 13

Saturday at 2pm

National Park Service
Visitor Center

**See the latest photos of our Santa Monica
Mountains and meet the photographers
when the 2007 contest winners are
announced and ribbons awarded. Light
refreshments will be served to celebrate
the official opening of the exhibit which
runs through November 30, 2007.**

Info: 805-370-2301



*Sunset at Point Mugu by Jim Gross,
Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest
2006 Winner-3rd Place (tie),
Scenic Shots Category*

SAT 10/13  **10am**

Paramount Ranch

Artists' Paint-Out All artists, working in all media, are welcome to enjoy the mountain scenery and interesting ranch buildings. Bring your own art supplies, food and water. Meet in the parking lot. Info: 310-338-0333. 3hrs AASMM

SAT 10/13 **5:30pm**

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Evening Birds and other Creatures of the Night The canyon is full of activity when the sun goes down. Learn about this hidden nocturnal world on a casual sunset stroll around a lake. Bring binoculars. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 10/13 **6pm**

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Franklin Family Campfire Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories, singing and s'mores around the campfire. Meet at the amphitheater. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/14 **8:30am**

Malibu Creek State Park

Enjoy an Autumn Walk Hike 4.7 miles roundtrip to Century Lake via Forest Trail. Observe wildlife and geology. Bring water and lunch. Camera and binoculars helpful. *Rain cancels.* Meet in lower parking lot. 4-6hrs MCD

SUN 10/14 **9am**

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fitness Hike Get movin' with fitness enthusiast and MRCA volunteer Zahava on this moderate hike. Measure your progress by working your way up to a more vigorous pace. Beginners welcome. Bring water and wear workout/hiking shoes. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains & Seashore

4th Annual Art Exhibit



Sunday, October 14, 11am to 4pm

Spend a relaxing afternoon at the Malibu Nature Preserve (33905 Pacific Coast Highway; formerly Malibu Riding & Tennis Club) viewing original art by local artists. Enjoy the beautiful grounds, ocean views and towering sycamores. Refreshments will be served. Artists will donate 20% of sales to the Nature Preserve of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Info: Pat Ryan, 310-457-9130

SUN 10/14 **9am**

Malibu Creek State Park-Tapia Unit

Weed Wars Bring wildlife back by removing weeds near streams in Tapia to let native plants grow back. Bring lunch, water and gloves. Community service credit. *Reservations required* 818-348-5910. 4hrs CNPS

SUN 10/14 **3p – 5p**

Peter Strauss Ranch

Sunday Concerts in the Park "Blues in the Park." Join us for an afternoon of blues at Peter Strauss Ranch. Performing will be **The Oozie Blues Band**. For more info: 805-370-2301.

TUE 10/16 **9am**

Cold Creek Preserve

Moderate Hikers Peakbag Calabasas Peak (2163') Eight-mile loop hike via Secret Trail (optional shorter 4-6 mile hike) loop returning via Cold Creek Preserve. Short car shuttle. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead. Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-822-6848. 5hrs SC

TUE 10/16 **11am**

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing indoor gathering of artists of all levels to draw or paint plants while learning more about native flora. *Reservations required* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 10/16 **7:30pm**

Temescal Gateway Park

Sky Stories from Around the Globe Shelley R. Bonus will guide us through an evening of sky stories. Learn how ancient cultures tried to explain what they saw as they gazed at celestial wonders. Info: 310-454-1395 x06. 1.5hrs MRCA

THU 10/18 **7pm**

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Guys are Different in a Wild Kinda Way! Get mud on your boots and dirt under your fingernails. Walk on the wild side on this heart-pumping hike up a steep trail. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

October

SAT 10/20 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work Help maintain trails throughout the Santa Monica Mountains. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/20 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools & instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, & lunch. *Reservations required* 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

SAT 10/20 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Plant Adventures Discuss the relationships between plants and animals on a slow hike. Bring lunch to have with further discussion afterwards. 3hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 10/20 12:30p-2:30p

Malibu Creek State Park
Fun With Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts, and games at the Visitor Center, 0.75 mile from the parking lot. MCD

SAT 10/20 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Speak for the Trees "I speak for the trees, for they have no tongues," said the Lorax, and so can YOU in this playful, interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches and leaves or needles. Kids ages 8 to 88 welcome! 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/21 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 10/21 9am

Temescal Gateway Park
Temescal-Will Rogers Loop Hike Moderate 7-mile hike through Temescal Canyon on connector trail to Will Rogers State Historic Park. Bring lunch and water. *Rain cancels*. Info: 310-559-3126. 4hrs SC

SUN 10/21 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Fitness Hike Get movin' with fitness enthusiast and MRCA volunteer Zahava on this moderate hike. Measure your progress by working your way up to a more vigorous pace. Beginners welcome. Bring water and wear workout/hiking shoes. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/21 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve
Autumn's Allure Enjoy the transformation of the seasons in an early fall hike in Cold Creek Canyon Preserve. Bring water and a snack. Meet at the lower gate. 2hrs CCD

SUN 10/21 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Discover Native American, cinematic, geological and historical sites on the docent-led walk. Learn about plants and trees. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 10/21 10a-12p

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Free Cultural Workshop Create a doll or fish out of tule grass with *Kat High*. All ages welcome. Meet at the culture center. NPS

LAS MARAVILLAS DEL OTOÑO

The Wonders of Fall Bilingual Family Program

Sábado, 20 de Octubre 10:00am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Los días se hacen mas cortos y los arboles han cambiado su color. Venga a ver que otras cosas el Otoño nos trae. Gratis. Para direcciones vea #23 (Rancho Sierra Vista) del mapa incluido al medio de este librito. Información: Antonio @ 805-370-2348. 2 horas

Saturday, October 20 10:00am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

The days are getting shorter and the trees are turning colors. Come see what other changes the fall season brings to our mountains by joining us on this bilingual exploration hike. Free. Info: 805-370-2301. 2 hours

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

KIDS AND NATURE The *UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve* contributes to the *LA Times Kids' Reading by Nine* literacy program. Articles on plants and animals, with illustrations by children ages 5-12, occur regularly in the *Learning Links* section of the *Kids Reading Room* on-line page: <http://www.latimes.com/features/kids/readingroom/>

To review previous articles: <http://nrs.ucop.edu/reserves/stunt/newsforkids.html>



SUN 10/21 1p-3p
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Free Cultural Workshop
Create a doll or fish out of tule grass with *Kat High*. All ages welcome. Meet at the culture center. NPS

SUN 10/21 1pm
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Journal to a New Understanding Slow down, observe, record, reflect, and discover a new way of looking at the natural world through nature journaling. Bring drawing and writing materials. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/21 3pm
Franklin Canyon Ranch
Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon Capture the moment with an experienced photographer who will guide you to finding unique views and photo opportunities in nature. *Reservations required* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/21 4:30pm
Cold Creek Preserve
A Moonrise & Sunset 2-mile Walk Enjoy views of distant mountain ranges, rugged sandstone outcroppings, the sweep of Santa Monica Bay and the unspoiled beauty of Cold Creek Preserve from the Topanga Lookout site. Bring supper, water and a 'goodie' to share. Meet at the Top of Stunt Rd. 3hrs MRT

TUE 10/23 9am
Caballero Canyon
Moderate Hikers Peakbag Eagle Rock Moderate 10-mile, 1500' gain loop hike on trails and ridges into lush Rustic Canyon. Bring water, lunch. *Rain cancels*. Meet at lower trailhead. Info: 818-786-4932. 5hrs SC

TUE 10/23 9am
Topanga State Park
Moderate Hikers Peakbag Eagle Rock Hike from Dead Horse Trailhead on Entrada on a moderate 8-mile, 1200' gain loop hike. Optional shorter hike meets at Trippet Ranch. Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels*. Info: 310-456-9783. 4hrs SC

TUE 10/23 11am
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing indoor gathering of artists of all levels to accurately draw or paint plants while learning more about native flora. *Reservations required* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

WED 10/24 6pm
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Recharging Moon Meditation Hike Full Moon eve is a prime time to recharge our bodies and energy. Join us for a healing and empowering meditation by the lake. Light walking. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

THU 10/25 5pm
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike A two-mile hike to an overlook to watch the moon rise over the ocean and a chance to spot wildlife in the fading evening light. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

FRI 10/26 7pm
Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Hike Explore the canyon by moonlight on a moderately strenuous hike. Look and listen for wildlife, and enjoy a spectacular view of the stars and city from atop the canyon trail. Lots of fun for all ages. Meet near restrooms. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

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SAT 10/27 8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Morning Birds of Franklin Canyon Catch the Early Bird Special! Enjoy the sounds and sights of busy birds gearing up for their day. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars but No dogs. Please meet in the parking lot below the Nature Center. 2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 10/27 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work Help maintain trails throughout the Santa Monica Mountains. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/27 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools & instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. *Reservations required* 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

SAT 10/27 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles Benefit from naturalist Bob's decades of scientific study on this fascinating moderate walk discussing the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. *Reservations required* 310-858-7272 ext. 131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 10/27 9:30am

Runyon Canyon Park
Geology Walk Geologist-led walk covering five geologic formations and over 100 million years of history. Meet at north entrance to park, Mulholland Drive and Desmond Estates Road. 2hrs FORC

SAT 10/27 11am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Franklin's Faults Get up close to earthquake faults that have helped to create Franklin Canyon, and learn how to prepare for earthquakes and other emergencies. *Rain cancels.* 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 10/27 6pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Twilight Hike A fun family hike through oak groves, mountains and meadows followed by a visit to the nature center. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 10/27 6:30pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Spooky Family Campfire Get into the spirit of the season with spooky ghost stories, ghoulish singing and yummy s'mores around the campfire. Meet at the amphitheater. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 10/27 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Halloween as the Celts Celebrated It Learn about Samhain, the Celtic roots of Halloween, on this walk and discuss the origins of dressing as ghouls, decorating jack-o-lanterns and trick or treating. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/28 8am

King Gillette Ranch
Up With the Birds Stroll through the grounds of the illustrious King Gillette Ranch in Calabasas on this morning bird walk with experienced birder Steve Botts. All levels welcome, bring binoculars. No dogs. Meet at the botanical gardens. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 10/28 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Birdwatching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. 2-3hrs SMBAS



**Saturday, October 27
10:00am - 4:00pm**

7th Annual Cider at Circle X

Come to a park site high in the Santa Monica Mountains. We'll have cider, cookies and candy at the Circle X Contact Station. National Park Service staff will be available to provide trail information for self-guided exploration. Contact station is 5.4 miles north on Yerba Buena Rd from Pacific Coast Highway.

Commemorative Oaks: Make a Difference Day

Sunday October 28, 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

Mountains Restoration Trust invites individuals, families and groups to help restore the homes of our native neighbors—the birds and animals of our natural lands. Receive credit for community service hours. Bring water and gloves. Bring a lunch to picnic in the park. 3 hours **Reservations required: 818-591-1701**

Make A Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others—a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. This annual event takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October. Info: www.makeadifferenceday.com

SUN 10/28 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Fitness Hike Get movin' with fitness enthusiast and MRCA volunteer Zahava on this moderate hike. Measure your progress by working your way up to a more vigorous pace. Beginners welcome. Bring water and wear workout/hiking shoes. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/28 9:30am

Solstice Canyon
Canyon Caper The bubbling Solstice Creek flows downstream and along a trail canopied by stately oaks and tall alders. California black walnuts and willows add bright yellows to the landscape. Bring lunch and water. 3hrs CNPS

SUN 10/28 10am

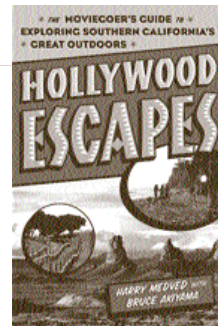
Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Call 310-393-6205 for groups of over 5 kids. 1hr SMBAS

TUE 10/30 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers Peakbag Radio Peak Moderate 8-mile, 1600' gain hike to Temescal Canyon Park past Skull Rock. Shorter 4-6 mi option. Meet at end of Bienveneda Ave. (0.6 mile west of Temescal Cyn Rd on Sunset Blvd.) Bring water & lunch. Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

TUE 10/30 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing indoor gathering of artists of all levels to accurately draw or paint plants while learning more about native flora. *Reservations required 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA*



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

For Halloween: Hollywood's Scary Santa Monica Mountains

**October 28
Sunday, 5pm**

National Park Service
Visitor Center

Santa Monica Mountains has been a backdrop for classic monster films from *Frankenstein* to *Van Helsing*. Join *Hollywood Escapes* co-author **Harry Medved** as he shows family-friendly film clips of famous monsters and signs copies of his guidebook to filming locations in So Cal's great outdoors.

Three Magical Miles author **Brian Rooney** will also add local movie monster magic. Costumes of your favorite monsters encouraged; refreshments and candy will be available. 1.5 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

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SAT 11/3 8am

Headwaters Corner

Dry Canyon Creek Habitat Restoration Come join the community effort to restore a headwater ecosystem of the Los Angeles River. Earn school service hours. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x205. 4hrs MRT

SAT 11/3 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/3 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools & instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. *Reservations required* 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC



Garden Tours of the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more.

Reservation required:

310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small groups (no reservations are required).

Meet docent(s) next to the Gate House at 10am for a one-hour tour. FEE

California State Parks

November Schedule of Events



Leo Carrillo State Park

Info: 805-488-1827

Sundays, 10am

Adventure with a Ranger Join a ranger to explore some of the many wonders of this park. Meet at the entrance station. 1 hour

Saturdays, 7pm

Campfire Program Join a ranger or special guest for a fun and informative program by the campfire! 1 hour

Point Mugu State Park

Info: 805-488-1827

Saturdays, 10am

Adventure with a Ranger Join a ranger or naturalist to explore Sycamore Canyon. Meet at the entrance station. 1 hour

10th Annual Backbone Trail Festival

On each of the first three Saturdays and Sundays in November, the Sierra Club will lead a hike on the 65-mile Santa Monica Mountains Backbone Trail.

SAT 11/3 8:30am

Will Rogers State Historic Park

Will Rogers - Temescal Canyon Loop Very strenuous 14-mile, 2500' gain loop hike from Will Rogers State Park on the Backbone Trail, down Temescal Canyon and back to Will Rogers. Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-454-4188. 7hrs

SUN 11/4 8:30am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons

Corral Cyn to Kanan Rd Easy 7-mile hike on scenic trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. Car shuttle. Meet at Newton Canyon Trailhead. Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 610-559-3126 4hrs

SAT 11/10 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

Hondo Canyon to Fossil Ridge Moderate 8-mile, 1800' gain hike on a favorite portion of Backbone Trail, to lunch on Fossil Ridge. Meet at the trailhead on Old Topanga Cyn Rd, at a turn-out 0.4 miles from Topanga Cyn Blvd. Bring water, lug-soles and lunch. *Serious rain cancels.* Info: 310-479-5570 4hrs

SUN 11/11 9am

Point Mugu State Park

Ray Miller Trail Loop Moderate 8-mi, 1400' gain loop hike at the western end of the Backbone Trail into La Jolla Cyn. Meet at Ray Miller Trailhead. Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 818-773-4601 4hrs

SAT 11/17 9:15am

Topanga State Park

Dead Horse Trail to Eagle Rock Moderate 8-mi, 1200' gain hike. Meet in Dead Horse Trailhead on Entrada Dr: (lot is on left just off Topanga Cyn Blvd). Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-822-6848 4hrs

SUN 11/18 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

Backbone Trail from Encinal Cyn Rd Moderate 8 to 10-mile, 2000' gain hike from Encinal Cyn Rd. Meet at Encinal Cyn Rd trailhead (From PCH north on Kanan-Dume Rd 6 miles to Mulholland Hwy, west 3 miles onto Encinal Cyn Rd to shoulder parking on south side of road just east of Fire Camp #13). Bring water, lunch and lug soles. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-391-5004 5hrs

SAT 11/3 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. *Mountain bike and helmet required. Rain cancels.* Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 11/3 9:30am

Paramount Ranch

From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SAT 11/3 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve

First Saturday Savor an autumn walk-about along a streamside trail, through oak woodlands to a gently rolling chaparral basin below craggy sandstone peaks. Meet at the Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 2hrs CCD

SAT 11/3 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

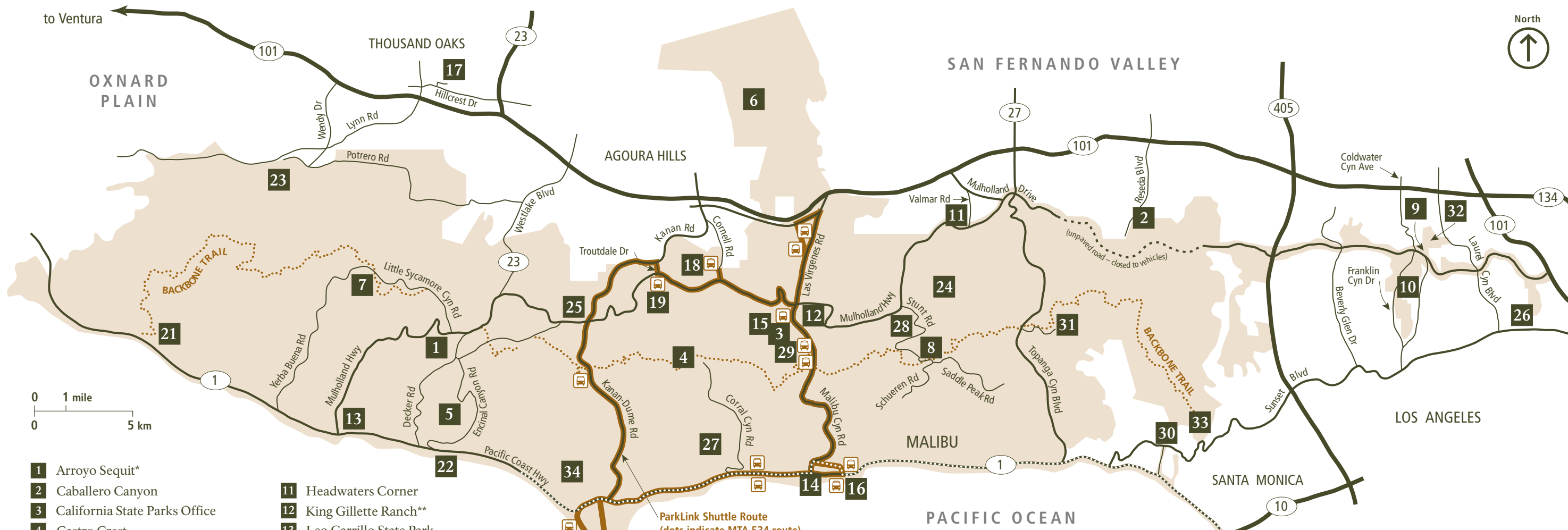
WODOC and the Movies See why Franklin Canyon has been a premier filming location for movies and TV shows such as *When a Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One Night*, and the beginning of the *Andy Griffith Show*. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 11/3 12:30p-2:30p

Malibu Creek State Park

Fun With Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts, and games at the Visitor Center, 0.75 mile from the parking lot. MCD

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 Indicates a **ParkLINK Shuttle stop**.
The ParkLINK Shuttle will not operate during the month of December
For info on this FREE service:
1-888-734-2323
*Site map available at www.nps.gov/samo
**Site map available at www.lamountains.com

DIRECTIONS TO PARKLAND LOCATIONS

- 1 ***Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- 2 **Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.
Lower Trailhead: 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.
Upper Trailhead: Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- 3 **California State Parks Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. *From Pacific Coast Hwy:* north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- 4 ***Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- 5 **Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- 6 ***Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- 7 ***Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.
Sandstone Peak Trailhead: 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead: 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- 8 **Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.
Lower Stunt High Trailhead: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.
Preserve's Lower Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. *Permit required for walk-in visitation.*
Preserve's Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. *Permit required for walk-in visitation.*
Top of Stunt Rd: Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak and Stunt Rds.
- 9 **Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- 10 **Franklin Canyon Ranch/Sooky Goldman Nature Center**
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr/Upper Franklin Canyon: From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. *(To go to Franklin Canyon Ranch: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)*
Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Lower Franklin Canyon: From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. *(To go to Upper Franklin Canyon: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)*

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Circle X Ranch	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
Cold Creek Preserve	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
Coldwater Canyon Park	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT from 2pm to 4pm. TP
Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
Leo Carrillo State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
Malibu Creek State Park	Camping, picnicking, fishing, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Regularly scheduled naturalist walks and group programs by reservation. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 12 or more. TUES: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
Paramount Ranch	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
Peter Strauss Ranch	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
Point Mugu State Park	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa	Hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open on SAT & SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
Rocky Oaks	Hiking and equestrian trails, picnic area. NPS
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS
Temescal Gateway Park	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
Topanga State Park	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCD
Will Rogers State Historic Park	Park grounds open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve	Environmental research and education. K-12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

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- 11 Headwaters Corner** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Cir. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.
- 12 King Gillette Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.
- 13 Leo Carrillo State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway.
Nicholas Flat Trailhead From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel approximately 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.
- 14 Malibu Bluffs Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.
- 15 Malibu Creek State Park**
Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd.
From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.
Tapia Unit: Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.
Reagan Ranch: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy).
Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road: Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.
- 16 Malibu Lagoon State Beach**
Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway opposite Cross Creek Rd.
Adamson House: 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.
- 17 *National Park Service Visitor Center/Headquarters for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area**
401 West Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks.
Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd. North on Lynn Rd. Turn east (right) on Hillcrest Dr. Left on McCloud Ave. Turn into first driveway on your right. Follow road to the end. The visitor center is located in first building nearest road.
- 18 *Paramount Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.
- 19 *Peter Strauss Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.
- 20 Point Dume State Preserve**
Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.
- 21 Point Mugu State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground.
Ray Miller Trailhead: 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.
- 22 R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches** Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.

23 *Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left.

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center: Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building.

Wendy Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.

24 Red Rock Canyon Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.

25 *Rocky Oaks Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.

26 Runyon Canyon Park Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.

27 *Solstice Canyon From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.

28 Stunt Ranch Reserve
See number 7.

29 Tapia Park *See number 13.*

30 Temescal Gateway Park
From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

31 Topanga State Park South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.

Los Lions Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.

32 Wilacre Park Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

33 Will Rogers State Historic Park 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

34 *Zuma/Trancas Canyons
Zuma Ridge Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Dr (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.
Zuma Canyon Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Dr (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive to Rainsford Pl. Turn right on Rainsford to Bonsall Dr. Turn left on Bonsall Dr. Parking lot at end of road.
Newton Canyon Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



Note: To check the degree of handicap accessibility to a site, please contact the sponsoring agency or National Park Service for information.

* Sites managed by the National Park Service

SAT 11/3 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Silent Night Walk Enjoy the symphony of nightlife while appreciating the inner wisdom of your own melody of thoughts. Moderate to strenuous walk with others who wish to expand their wilderness awareness skills without words. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/4 8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Meet Your Animal Spirit Guide Join us for a hike with guided meditations to discover your animal spirit guide. And who knows? Hawk just might drop by to say, "hello." Moderate to light pace. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/4 8am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring water and a snack. 3hrs SC

Temescal Canyon Association
Monthly Sunday Hikes

Meet at 9am at Temescal Gateway Park (meet in parking lot closest to Sunset Blvd) We will car-pool to trailhead. Hikes are about 8 miles and last 5-6 hours. Call or visit our website for complete details. 310-459-5931

www.temcanyon.org

SUN 11/4 9am

Peter Strauss Ranch
La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Help remove weeds to allow the native plants to create wildlife habitat. Meet in the Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to go to work site. Bring lunch and water. Receive credit for community service. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SUN 11/4 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Aerobic Trek Get your heart pumping and legs moving on an energizing morning hike while enjoying the great outdoors. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/4 9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Benefit from naturalist Bob's decades of scientific study on this fascinating moderate walk discussing the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. *Reservations required* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/4 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Fitness Hike Get movin' with fitness enthusiast and MRCA volunteer Zahava on this moderate hike. Measure your progress by working your way up to a more vigorous pace. Beginners welcome. Bring water and wear workout/hiking shoes. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/4 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Center
The Faces of Franklin Canyon Who were William Mulholland, Sooky Goldman, and other influential faces of Franklin Canyon Park? 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/4 10a-12p

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Free Cultural Workshop Listen to the Soothing Flute Music of *Eric Alvarado*. All ages welcome. Meet at the culture center. NPS

SUN 11/4 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Hike and Craft Join MRCA volunteer Lucy for a gentle walk in Franklin Canyon then make a craft you can take home. Ages three to eight accompanied by parents or supervisors. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/4 1p-3p

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Free Cultural Workshop Listen to the Soothing Flute Music of *Eric Alvarado*. All ages welcome. Meet at the culture center. NPS

TUE 11/6 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Moderate Hikers Peakbag Mesa Peak (1844') Moderate 7-mile, 1800' gain hike with spectacular views. Optional shorter 4-6 mile hike. Bring water, lunch. *Rain cancels*. Info: 310-391-5004 or hkayton@earthlink.net for the 20-peak list. Meet at the Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road. 4hrs SC

November

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THUR 11/15 8:30am

Caballero Canyon

Chaparral Chatter Explore the trails of a central section of the Santa Monica Mountains to see fall foliage awaiting the first rains as we hike through open chaparral and oak woodlands. Meet at lower trailhead. Bring water and snack. Info: 818-345-6749. 3hrs CNPS

SAT 11/17 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

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Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools & instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. *Reservations required* 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

SAT 11/17 9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Everyday is Earthday Why is it important to know how long it takes for a banana peel to biodegrade? Learn simple ways to be Earth-friendly everyday by remembering the 3 R's of nature, (Recycle, Reduce & Reuse), on a moderately paced hike. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 11/17 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park

Welcome to Malibu Creek Discover Native American, cinematic, geological and historical sites on the docent-led walk. Learn about plants and trees. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Birds of the Southern California Coast

**November 17
Saturday, 2pm**

National Park Service
Visitor Center

Joan Lentz shares where, when and how to find the birds who live on our coastal shores.

Identification tips include detailed photos and natural history information which beginners and expert birders alike will enjoy. Her new book *Introduction to Birds of the Southern California Coast* will be available for signing. 1.5 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

SAT 11/17 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Plant Adventures Discuss the relationships between plants and animals on a slow hike. Bring lunch to have with further discussion afterwards. 3hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 11/17 12:30p-2:30p

Malibu Creek State Park

Fun With Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts, and games at the Visitor Center, 0.75 mile from the parking lot. MCD

SAT 11/17 3pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Speak for the Trees "I speak for the trees, for they have no tongues," said the Lorax, and so can YOU in this playful, interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches and leaves or needles. Kids ages 8 to 88 welcome! \$5 parking fee. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/18 8am

Malibu Creek State Park

Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 11/18 8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Healing with the Forest Discover nature's subtle therapy around and within us on this walking meditation. We'll connect with the park's plants and critters by looking through the eyes of awareness and love. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

November

SUN 11/18 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park

Explore With Us Walk 6.5 miles round-trip to Anza Park via Talapop Trail. Observe wildlife and geology. Bring water, lunch, layered clothing and hiking shoes. *Rain cancels.* 4-6hrs MCD

SUN 11/18 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fitness Hike Get movin' with fitness enthusiast and MRCA volunteer Zahava on this moderate hike. Measure your progress by working your way up to a more vigorous pace. Beginners welcome. Bring water and wear workout/hiking shoes. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/18 9am



Malibu Creek State Park

Oak Woodland Restoration Plant native oaks and native grasses to increase the woodlands and grasslands for beauty and wildlife habitat. Receive credit for community service hours. Call for meeting place. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SUN 11/18 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve

Autumn Canyon Walk See the subtle changes in nature as autumn comes to Cold Creek Canyon Preserve. See rocky grottoes, gurgling marsh, and oak woodlands. Meet at the Preserve's lower gate. 2.5hrs CCD



SUN 11/18 10a-12p

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Free Cultural Workshop

Craft a gourd ornament or necklace with *Nadiya Little - warrior*. All ages welcome. Meet at the culture center. NPS

SUN 11/18 10am

Leo Carrillo State Park

Hike about Nicholas Flat

Easy 5-mile, 500ft gain hike to the pond in Nicholas Flat. Enjoy scrambling on rocks near the pond, eating under huge oak trees, and admiring the ocean view. Bring lunch and at least one quart of water. *Rain cancels.* Meet at the Nicholas Flat Trailhead. 4hrs CW

SUN 11/18 1p-3p

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

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SUN 11/18 1pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Sensory Exploration Follow Naturalist/artist Joann's sensory awareness exercises then journal what comes up. Bring drawing and writing materials. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/18 2pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Photo Fun in Franklin

Canyon An experienced photographer will guide you in finding unique views and photo opportunities in nature. *Reservations required* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/18 3:30pm

Cold Creek Preserve

A Moonrise & Sunset

2-mile Walk Enjoy views of distant mountain ranges, rugged sandstone outcroppings, the sweep of Santa Monica Bay and the unspoiled beauty of this preserve from the Topanga Lookout site. Bring supper, water and a 'goodie' to share. Meet at the Top of Stunt Rd. 3hrs MRT

TUE 11/20 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

Moderate Hikers Peakbag

Buzzard's Roost (2507')

Moderate 7-mile, 1700' gain hike for magnificent ocean views. Optional shorter 4-6 mile hike. Meet at Encinal Cyn Trailhead (Pacific Coast Hwy to Kanan-Dume Rd. North 6 miles to Mulholland Hwy, West 3 miles onto Encinal Cyn Rd to shoulder parking on south side of road just east of Fire Camp #13). Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-391-5004. 4hrs SC

TUE 11/20 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Botanical Drawing

Workshop Join an ongoing indoor gathering of artists of all levels to accurately draw or paint plants while learning more about native flora. *Reservations required* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 11/20 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Chautauqua Series In the 1920's and 1930's Temescal Canyon served as a major center of the Chautauqua Movement, drawing people by the thousands on their quests for enlightenment. Join us in rekindling that tradition with this program, at the Temescal Dining Hall. *\$5 parking fee.* Info: 310-454-1395 x106 or visit www.LAMountains.com. 1.5hrs MRCA

WED 11/21 9am

Peter Strauss Ranch
Plein Air Landscape Painting Come out and watch or join in painting landscapes. Beginners to professionals welcome. Bring your own non-toxic materials. For more info: call Ed 805-492-0464. 4hrs TOPAW

SAT 11/24 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/24 9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Benefit from naturalist Bob's decades of scientific study of the flora and fauna in Franklin Canyon on this fascinating moderate walk discussing the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. *Reservations required* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 11/24 11am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Franklin's Faults Get up close to earthquake faults that have helped to create Franklin Canyon, and learn how to prepare for earthquakes and other emergencies. *Rain cancels.* 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 11/24 4:30pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike A two-mile hike to an overlook to watch the moon rise over the ocean and a chance to spot wildlife in the fading evening light. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. *\$3 parking fee.* 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 11/24 7pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Hike Explore the canyon by moonlight on a moderately strenuous hike. Look and listen for wildlife, and enjoy a spectacular view of the stars and city from atop the canyon trail. Lots of fun for all ages. Meet near restrooms. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/25 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Birdwatching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 11/25 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Call 310-393-6205 for groups of over 5 kids. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 11/25 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea Ramble two miles around the coastal park on trails with views of mountains and sea; walk on the beach; return to the Bluffs and look for dolphins and whales. Meet in the Bluffs Park parking lot. 2hrs CNPS

TUE 11/27 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers Peakbag Temescal Peak Hike to the highest peak in Topanga State Park, (2126') on a moderate 8-mile, 1600' gain hike past Skull Rock. Shorter 4-6 mile option. Meet at end of Bienveneda Av (0.6 mi west of Temescal Cyn Rd on Sunset Blvd.) Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

TUE 11/27 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing indoor gathering of artists of all levels to accurately draw or paint plants while learning more about native flora. *Reservations required* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA



December

D E C E M B E R



Temescal Canyon Association Monthly Sunday Hikes

Meet at 9am at Temescal Gateway Park (meet in parking lot closest to Sunset Blvd) We will car-pool to trailhead. Hikes are about 8 miles and last 5-6 hours. Call or visit our website for complete details. 310-459-5931

www.temcanyon.org

SAT 12/1 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 12/1 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools & instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. *Reservations required* 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

SAT 12/1 9am

Peter Strauss Ranch

La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Remove weeds from this beautiful area to allow the native plants to create wildlife habitat. Meet in the Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to go to work site. Bring lunch and water. Receive credit for community service. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SAT 12/1 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. *Mountain bike and helmet required. Rain cancels.* Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 12/1 9:30am

Paramount Ranch

From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS



Garden Tours of the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more.

Reservation required:
310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small groups (no reservations are required).

Meet docent(s) next to the Gate House at 10am for a one-hour tour. FEE

SAT 12/1 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve

First Saturday Stroll along a streamside trail, through oak woodlands to a gently rolling chaparral basin surrounded by craggy sandstone peaks. Meet at the Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 2hrs CCD

SAT 12/1 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

WODOC and the Movies See why Franklin Canyon has been a premier filming location for movies and TV shows such as *When a Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One Night*, and the beginning of the *Andy Griffith Show*. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 12/1 12:30p-2:30p

Malibu Creek State Park

Fun With Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts, and games at the Visitor Center, 0.75 mile from the parking lot. MCD

SAT 12/1 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Silent Night Walk Enjoy the symphony of nightlife while appreciating the inner wisdom of your own melody of thoughts. Moderate to strenuous walk with others who wish to expand their wilderness awareness skills without words. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 12/2 8am

King Gillette Ranch
Up With the Birds Stroll through the grounds of the illustrious King Gillette Ranch in Calabasas on this morning bird walk with experienced birder Steve Botts. All levels welcome, bring binoculars. No dogs. Meet at the botanical gardens. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 12/2 8am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring water and a snack. 3hrs SC

SUN 12/2 9am

Cold Creek Preserve
Cold Creek Restoration Day Increase the stream-side tree canopy along Dry Creek and Cienega Sin Nombre by planting oaks and shrubs to restore habitat to disturbed lands. Receive community service credit. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SUN 12/2 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Aerobic Trek Get your heart pumping and legs moving on an energizing morning hike while enjoying the great outdoors. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 12/2 9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Benefit from naturalist Bob's decades of scientific study on this fascinating moderate walk discussing the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. *Reservation required* 310-858-7272 ext. 131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

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Fitness Hike Get movin' with fitness enthusiast and MRCA volunteer Zahava on this moderate hike. Measure your progress by working your way up to a more vigorous pace. Beginners welcome. Bring water and wear workout/hiking shoes. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 12/2 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Discover Native American, cinematic, geological and historical sites on the docent-led walk. Learn about plants and trees. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 12/2 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Center
The Faces of Franklin Canyon Who were William Mulholland, Sooky Goldman, and other influential faces of Franklin Canyon Park? 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 12/2 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Hike and Craft Join MRCA volunteer Lucy for a gentle walk in Franklin Canyon then make a craft you can take home. Ages three to eight accompanied by parents or supervisors. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 12/4 9am

Point Mugu State Park
Moderate Hikers Peakbag Mugu Peak (1266') Moderately paced 8-mile, 1300' gain hike through La Jolla Valley with great views of mountains/sea through coastal sage and grasslands. Optional shorter hike to Sycamore Cyn. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Ray Miller Trailhead. *Rain cancels*. Info: 310-822-6848 or hkayton@earthlink.net for the 20-peak list. 4hrs SC

Satwiwa Guest Artist Show and Sale

Sunday December 2, 10am-3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Join us for a day full of hand crafted art, music, storytelling, and family fun. Purchase beautiful and unique Native American art for the holidays and meet local artists! All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

December

TUE 12/4 11am

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Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing indoor gathering of artists of all levels to accurately draw or paint plants while learning more about native flora. *Reservations required* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

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**Every Friday
in December**

**Christmas Holiday
Evening Tours
at the Adamson
House**

*Malibu Lagoon
State Beach*

Special Friday evening tours will be given at the festively decorated Adamson House.

*Call for times
and reservations:
310-456-8432*

Fee. 1.5 hours MLMD

SAT 12/8 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 12/8 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools & instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, & lunch. *Reservations required* 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

SAT 12/8 9am

Cold Creek Preserve
Second Saturday Winter rains arouse the dormant floral world; milkmaids and currants bloom; ferns unfurl; rain beetles emerge from the ground to fly in the rain; rain begins a new cycle—the start of spring in December. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT

SAT 12/8 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Geology A guest speaker will have a large homemade volcano and other geological items. Discover the changing geological features of the Santa Monica Mountains on a walk followed by a craft. For children age 8-12. *Pre-Registration required* 818-591-1701 x181. *Fee.* 3hrs MRT

SAT 12/8 9:30am

Circle X Ranch
Loop of Sandstone Peak and Balanced Rock Hike featuring the highest peak in the Santa Monica Mountains (3111') and Balanced Rock—a genuine marvel. Moderate-plus 6.5-mile hike with 1,100' elevation gain; the optional 0.5mile loop to Balanced Rock is all cross-country scrambling. Bring lunch and 2 quarts of water. *Rain cancels.* Meet at the Sandstone Peak Trailhead. 5hr CW

SAT 12/8 10am

Topanga State Park
Artists' Paint-Out All artists welcome. Discover the rolling hills, shaded glens, and sunlit meadows (also wild deer). Great vistas in every direction. Meet in parking lot near restrooms. Bring own art supplies, food and water. Info: 310-338-0333. 3hrs AASMM

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SAT 12/8 6pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin Family Special Seasonal Campfire Celebrate this special time of year with seasonal songs and stories while sipping hot chocolate around the campfire. Meet in the amphitheater. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 12/9 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Explore With Us A 4.5-mile roundtrip hike to Reagan Meadow via Lookout Trail. Observe wildlife and geology. Bring water and lunch. Camera and binoculars helpful. *Rain cancels.* Meet in lower parking lot. 4-6hrs MCD

SUN 12/9 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Weed Wars The California Native Plant Society Commemorative Oak Grove commemorates the lives of some awesome CNPS members. The grove brings life back to a once treeless plain. Enhance habitat in planting additional oak trees and acorns. Bring lunch, water and gloves. Receive credit for community service hours. *Reservations required* 818-348-5910. 4hrs CNPS

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SUN 12/9 10a-12p

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Free Cultural Workshop Make your own Dream Catcher out of natural materials with *Michael Williams*. All ages welcome. Meet at the culture center. NPS

SUN 12/9 1p-3p

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Free Cultural Workshop See description for Sunday, 12/9 at 10am. NPS

SUN 12/9 2pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon Capture the moment with an experienced photographer who will guide you to finding unique views and photo opportunities in nature. *Reservations required* 310-858-7272 ext. 131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 12/9 4pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
New Moon Manifesting The New Moon is a prime time to manifest your dreams. Join us for a powerful guided meditation by the pond. Bring pen, paper and some personal goals. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 12/11 9am

Circle X Ranch
Moderate Hikers Peakbag Tri Peaks (3010') Moderately paced 9-mile, 1500' gain loop hike on Boney Mountain scenic trails past Balanced, Split and Echo Rocks. Optional shorter 4-6 mile hike. Meet at Mishe Mokwa Trailhead Bring water, lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 818-786-4932. 5hrs SC

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Headwaters Corner
San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch Meeting Traditional Holiday Fun. Gourd patchers meet to exchange and swap gourds, gifts, and the decorative materials gathered during the year. Everyone is welcome. Info: gourds@mac.com or 818-996-3606. 2hrs SFVGP

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Caballero Canyon
Chaparral Chatter Early spring flowers in winter might include milk maids, chaparral currant and a few mountains lilacs as we hike through open chaparral and oak woodlands. Meet at lower trailhead. Bring water and snack. Info: 818-345-6749 3hrs CNPS



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Secrets of
Landscape
Photography

December 14
Friday, 7pm

National Park Service
Visitor Center

Noted photographer **Tom Gamache** shares his insights on how to create digital and film landscape art photographs. His recent book *Santa Monica Mountains: Range on the Edge* will be available for signing. 1.5 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

Presented in conjunction with
UC Stunt Ranch Santa Monica
Mountains Reserve



Call 805-370-2394 to receive information about an optional photo field trip/workshop with **Tom Gamache** and **Van Webster** on Saturday, December 15 and Sunday, December 16, 2007.

See Tom's work at
www.wanderingaround-outdoors.com



Sycamore Fog

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Speak for the Trees "I speak for the trees, for they have no tongues," said the Lorax, and so can YOU in this playful, interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches and leaves or needles. Kids ages 8 to 88 welcome! 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 12/15 3:30pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Winter Solstice Hike Celebrate the beginning of Winter with a moderate hike. Discuss seasonal changes and identify planets and constellations. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 12/15 6:30pm

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Astronomy Children 8-12 will learn about the night sky with the aid of several telescopes. Guest speakers will guide us through the stars, planets, nebulae and constellations. An astronomy craft is included. *Pre-registration required* 818-591-1701 x181. *Fee.* 3hrs MRT

SUN 12/16 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 12/16 8am

Headwaters Corner
Dry Canyon Creek Habitat Restoration Come join the community effort to restore a headwater ecosystem of the Los Angeles River. Earn school service hours. *Reservations required* 818-591-1701 x205. 4hrs MRT

SUN 12/16 10am

Cold Creek Preserve
Easing into Winter Savor subtle landscape changes as winter moves into chaparral canyon woodlands in the pristine preserve. Meet at the Preserve's lower gate. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 12/16 1pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Seasonal Rhythms Just as the natural world slows down and withdraws for renewal in the winter, we, too, can go within and journal using the winter-scape as a muse. Bring drawing and writing materials. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 12/18 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers Peakbag Topanga Fire Lookout Moderately paced 8-mile, 1800' hike on Backbone Trail to Fossil Ridge below Topanga Fire Lookout (2469'). Optional shorter 4-6 mile hike. Meet at trailhead (take Old Topanga Rd 0.5 mi from Topanga Cyn Blvd; very limited parking on street). Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-822-6848. 5hrs SC

TUE 12/18 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing indoor gathering of artists of all levels to accurately draw or paint plants while learning more about native flora. *Reservations required* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 12/18 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Chautauqua Series In the 1920's and 1930's Temescal Canyon served as a major center of the Chautauqua Movement, drawing people by the thousands on their quests for enlightenment. Join us in rekindling that tradition with this program, at the Temescal Dining Hall. *\$5 parking fee.* Info: 310-454-1395 x106 or visit www.LAMountains.com 1.5hrs MRCA

SAT 12/22 8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Morning Birds of Franklin Canyon Catch the Early Bird Special! Enjoy the sounds and sights of busy birds gearing up for their day. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars but No dogs. Please meet in the parking lot below the Nature Center. 2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 12/22 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools & instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, & lunch. *Reservations required* 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

SAT 12/22 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

December

SUN 12/23 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Birdwatching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 12/23 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Call 310-393-6205 for groups of over 5 kids. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 12/23 3:15pm

Cold Creek Preserve
A Moonrise & Sunset 2-mile Walk Enjoy views of distant mountain ranges, rugged sandstone outcroppings, the sweep of Santa Monica Bay and the unspoiled beauty of Cold Creek Preserve from the Topanga Lookout site. Bring supper, water and a 'goodie' to share. Meet at the Top of Stunt Rd. 3hrs MRT

SUN 12/23 4:30pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike A two-mile hike to an overlook to watch the moon rise over the ocean and a chance to spot wildlife in the fading evening light. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight. *Reservations required* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD



MON 12/24 7pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Hike Explore the canyon by moonlight on a moderately strenuous hike. Look and listen for wildlife, and enjoy a spectacular view of the stars and city from atop the canyon trail. Lots of fun for all ages. Meet near restrooms in parking lot. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 12/25 10am

Cold Creek Preserve
Annual Holiday Toyon Trek Easy-paced 6-mile, 1200' gain loop Christmas Day hike through Cold Creek Canyon Preserve. Bring water, lunch, goodies to share. *Rain cancels.* Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead. Info: 310-822-6848. 4hrs SC

SAT 12/29 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools & instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, & lunch. *Reservations required* 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

SUN 12/30 9:30am

Solstice Canyon
Canyon Caper Bubbling Solstice Creek flows downstream and along a trail canopied by stately oaks and tall alders. The winter/spring season combines with winter rains and harbingers of spring. Bring lunch and water. 3hrs CNPS

Coming this Winter...

MOUNTAIN BIKE VOLUNTEER & ORIENTATION DAY

DIAMOND X RANCH

Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 9:00am

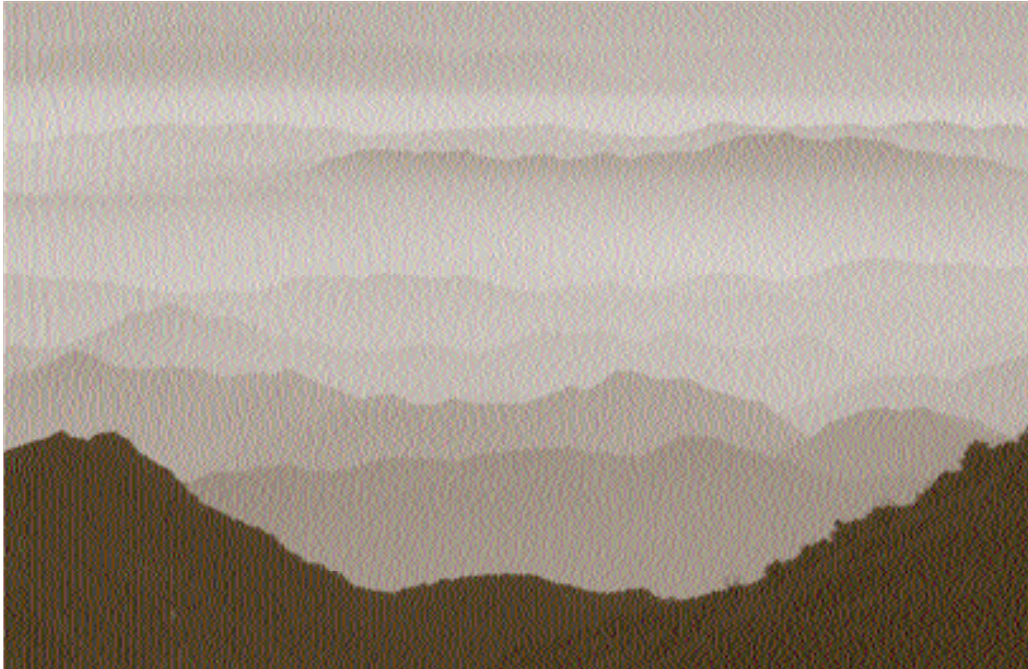
Would you like to volunteer your time as a Mountain Bike Volunteer in the Santa Monica Mountains?

Join us at Diamond X Ranch, located on Mulholland Hwy 0.75 mile east of Las Virgenes Rd. Bring your bike and helmet for a short ride after the orientation.

Info: www.mountainbikeunit.com

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HIKING & SAFETY TIPS



Ridges of the Santa Monicas by Rob Oswalt, *Spirit of the Mountains* Photo Contest 2006 Winner—2nd Place, Scenic Shots Category

Ticks are plentiful. Some of them carry diseases. Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking.

Southern Pacific Rattlesnakes make the mountains their home. Stay away from them, and they won't bother you. In case of a rattlesnake bite, DO NOT make an incision or try to draw out venom. Splint the extremity and transport victim to an emergency room.

Wear sturdy **footwear**—hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

Poison oak can be identified by its clusters of three shiny leaflets. The best way to avoid it is to stay on trails.

Never hike alone, use the buddy system. That leaves someone to go for help if you encounter trouble.

Help prevent wildfire. Do not smoke on trails or in brush areas. Do not build fires on the ground.

Carry plenty of **water** and drink it. One quart for short walks, more for longer hikes.

Note: Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, please help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

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